

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 11, and 12 are pending in this application.

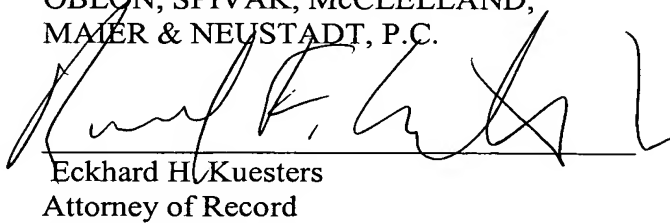
In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1, 6, 7, 11, and 12 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 6, 7, 11, and 12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,683,575.

The rejection of Claims 1, 6, 7, 11, and 12 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1, 6, 7, 11, and 12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,683,575 is believed to be moot in view of the Terminal Disclaimer, in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321(c), filed herewith. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1, 6, 7, 11, and 12 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1, 6, 7, 11, and 12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,683,575 is believed to now be in order.

Since no further issues are believed outstanding in the present application, it is believed to be clearly in condition for formal allowance. Accordingly, an early and favorable action to that effect is therefore earnestly and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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